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K. M. B. lays all former students of Dr. Bowne under a very great debt of gratitude for an intimate side of his character which some of them because of their awe of him perhaps did not recognize. I am sure we did not dream that he ever made his old overcoat do service another year so as to give financial help to some of our number. It was characteristic of him thus to hide his good deeds. The closing letter is, we think, very remarkable.

Dr. John Wright Buckham as chairman of the Commission on Theology at the International Congregational Council held at Boston, July 1st, 1920, delivered the address which here appears under the title Three Centuries of Pilgrim Theology.

Dr. James Main Dixon, F.R.S.E., who writes on The Ideals of William Dean Howells, is as well known to our readers as the Editor and needs no introduction.

Mr. J. E. Turner of Mossley Hill, Liverpool, England, caught the significance of Miss Hammond's article in the October issue. "What is Poetry" is his reaction to that essay. Our readers many of whom will recognize Mr. Turner as a frequent contributor to the philosophical journals of England and America will be interested to know that he has in preparation for us, a criticism of the recent Gifford Lectures.

A German Reaction to The Personalist which will be found in the Notes and Discussions is written, says Dr. Brightman, by Dr. M., who "is a brilliant young Roman Catholic Privatdozent in the University of X, whom I knew as a fellow student in Berlin. Although he served in the army, he is convinced of the wrong of Germany's action, sharing our attitude toward Belgium, the Lusitania, etc. The Kaiser, he once wrote me, is no more to blame than any other criminal brought up among criminals."

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To the Gentle Personalist

THE FOLLOWING letter from Dr. Hocking of Harvard University so completely expressed our wish for THE PERSONALIST that we print it herewith.

"I have seen the early copies, and have welcomed the prospect of a new and vigorous organ of philosophy and theology, especially as representing the strong philosophical spirit of the Western Coast. I hope it will become one of the staple expressions of American thought, and that it will open its columns to debate and dissent, as well as to development of the views for which it primarily stands, and with which I am very heartily in sympathy. This policy will at once emphasize its own stability of faith, and enlist the interest of many shades of opinion which have lively representatives in California and elsewhere among us."

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING.

Thus is summed up for us our hope that THE PERSONALIST may be able to serve the interest of the larger group. We shall be glad from time to time to publish leading articles from other standpoints than that of personalism and to make the Notes and Discussions column a medium of expression of dissent as well as of commendation.